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In Answer to the Petition of both Houses

of Parliament, as it was presented by the Earle of *Newport*, and the Lord *Seymer*. Ian. 21. 1641.

HIs Majesty having seene and considered the Petition presented unto *Him*, the one and twentieth of this instant, by the Earl of Newport, and the Lord Seymer, in the names of both *Houses* of Parliament. Is pleased to return this Answer. That *Hee* doth well approve of the desire of both *Houses*, for the speedy proceeding against the persons mentioned in the Petition; whereof *His Majesty* finding the great inconveniences by the first mistake in the way, hath endured some delayes, that *He* might be informed in what Order to put the same; But before that that be agreed upon, *His Majesty* thinkes it unusuall, or unfit to discover what proofe is against them, and therefore holds it necessary, lest a new mistake should breed more delayes; (which *His Majesty* to *His* power will avoid.) That it be resolved whether *His Majesty* bee bound in respect of Priviledges to proceed against them by impeachment in Parliament; Or whether *He* be at liberty to prefer an Inditement at the Common Law, in the usuall way, or have *His* choice of either: Whereupon *His Majesty* will give such speedy directions for Prosecution, as shall shew *His Majesties* desire to satisfie both *Houses*, and to put a determination to the businesse.

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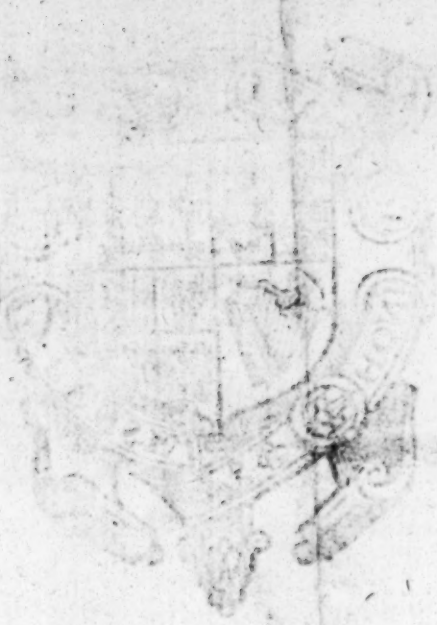

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